

I want to congratulate Coach and Sally for setting the examples they've set for these players. They're instrumental in what's called the Rise School in Austin. It's a school that helps infants and toddlers and preschool children with developmental disabilities. They're very much involved with the Capital Campaign for the Helping Hands in Austin. They, like these players, are good citizens.

I also want to say congratulations to the coach for not only being a good—having a good football team, being able to raise these young men to butt heads harder than the other ones around the country, but nearly half the team earned a spot on the UT athletic director's honor roll for posting a 3.0 grade point average last fall.

This team won a lot of football games and won the national championship, but of the 32 seniors on the team, 28 will have earned their degrees by the end of this summer—and one of those, who hasn't quite earned it yet, made a promise to his mother. And Vince, I'd suggest you honor that promise to your mother—[laughter]—and get your degree by the end of this summer, which I know he will.

All in all, we're honored to have a great group of individuals, people who brought great pride to our State and pride to a great university. Welcome to Washington. Congratulations to the national champs, the University of Texas.

NOTE: The President spoke at 1:07 p.m. on the South Lawn at the White House. In his remarks, he referred to Darrell Royal, former head coach, University of Texas at Austin football team; William Powers, Jr., president, University of Texas at Austin, and his wife, Kim Heilbrun; Mark G. Yudof, chancellor, University of Texas System, his wife, Judy, and his daughter, Samara; James R. Huffines, chairman, and Rita C. Clements, vice chairman, board of regents, University of Texas System; DeLoss Dodds, men's athletic director, University of Texas at Austin; and Mike Garcia, offensive guard, Kasey Studdard, offensive guard, Neale Tweedie, tight end, David Thomas, tight end, and Will Allen, offensive guard, University of Texas at Austin football team.

## **Statement on the Anniversary of the Death of Former Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri of Lebanon**

*February 14, 2006*

One year ago today, former Lebanese Prime Minister Rafiq Hariri was assassinated. Mr. Hariri was a great Lebanese patriot who worked to rebuild a free, independent, and prosperous Lebanon after years of brutal civil war. Our thoughts are with the people of Lebanon as they mark this anniversary.

Lebanon has continued to make progress in the year since Mr. Hariri's murder, thanks to the foundation of freedom he laid and the determination of the Lebanese people. Lebanon has conducted a free and fair parliamentary election and begun economic reforms. Great challenges remain, and the United States will continue to stand with the people of Lebanon as they strive to build a free and democratic future.

## **Message to the Congress Transmitting a Report by the National Science Board**

*February 14, 2006*

*To the Congress of the United States:*

Consistent with 42 U.S.C. 1863(j)(1), I transmit herewith a report prepared for the Congress and the Administration by the National Science Board entitled, "Science and Engineering Indicators—2006." This report represents the seventeenth in the series examining key aspects of the status of science and engineering in the United States.

**George W. Bush**

The White House,  
February 14, 2006.

## **Remarks on Health Care in Dublin, Ohio**

*February 15, 2006*

Thanks for coming. Please be seated. Jack, thanks for the introduction; thanks for letting us convert your lobby into a—[laughter]—place to come and visit.

So I get on Air Force One this morning. I said, "Take me to Dublin"—the guy heads